

for what the Bible means. I heard Dean Brown of Yale say many years ago that the pictures we have of Christ of the Good Shepherd caring for the sheep are wonderful and we should have them. But he said, "Why don't we have some pictures of Him out with the staff driving away the bear and the lion that are going to kill the sheep?" And that is just as true an aspect of love as the other. Love is a matter of the heart which may show itself in one action and which may show itself in another, but Paul ^{says} ~~said~~ is of tremendous importance.

Then Paul goes on in the second part of this chapter to speak of the characteristics of love. We have this⁴ in vs. 4-7. We have here 4 vs. describing the wonderful characteristics of what ^{he} ~~we~~ means by love. "Love is long suffering." How hard it is for us to develop that in ourselves. It is easy for us to take slights, to take insults, to take slams, etc. for a little while, but we soon get fed up and strike ^{back} ~~up~~. Well, if they are attacking our Lord, we should strike back, but if they are attacking us then we should receive what is given and be long-suffering, not merely take it for a brief time.

"It ^{is} ~~is~~ long-suffering and is kind." The true Christian is kind to all. He may have to fight some (things) that he strongly disapproves of, but he is kind. He is personally kind and helpful toward them.

Then "Love vaunts not itself, ~~does+not~~ is not puffed up." How very difficult a thing to get. I think pride is perhaps one of the very greatest of sins. Certainly one of the most widespread. But it is very easy for anyone to fall into. But love, true love, does not vaunt itself, is not puffed up. "And does not behave itself unseemly," ^{is} is not disorderly. It seeks proper order and proper ways of doing things. But there again we can say it does not mean that ~~d~~ for the sake of proper order he disregards standing for what is right. "Does not behalf itself unseemly." Above all "seeketh not her own." How difficult that is for us to get. I've heard people laugh at ministers who get two calls to two different churches, and then they feel that the Lord